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SUBJECT: PALAU SUPERPORT/DOTA MEETING WITH MITI

REF: STATE 239422

TOKYO FOR DIRECTOR OFFICE OF TERRITORIAL AFFAIRS ZEDER FROM  
INTERIOR

CINCPACREP PASS HICOM AND STATUS LNO SAIPAN

CINCPAC ALSO FOR POLAD

1. WE UNDERSTAND ARRANGEMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE FOR YOU TO  
MEET WITH MITI VICE MINISTER KOMOTO OCT 15. WE HAVE HEARD  
PROMOTERS OF PROJECT HAVE INITIATED THIS MEETING AND ANOTHE  
ON MORNING OF OCT 15 WITH INDUSTRIAL BANK OF JAPAN AND  
NISSHO-IWAI IN EFFORT TO OBTAIN OFFICIAL USG VIEWS ON PALAU  
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SUPERPORT PROJECT FEASIBILITY STUDY. IN THIS REGARD, WE

NOTE THAT NEITHER GOJ NOR GOI HAS TO DATE OFFICIALLY EXPRESSED AN INTEREST IN PALAU SUPERPORT PROJECT TO USG SO FAR AS WE ARE AWARE.

2. INTERIOR AFTER CONSULTATION WITH VARIOUS USG AGENCIES CONCERNED RECOMMENDS THAT, ASSUMING EMBASSY TOKYO SEES NO OBJECTION, DOTA INFORM GOJ AND PROMOTERS OF PROJECT THAT  
A) USG HAS NO OBJECTION IN PRINCIPLE TO CONCEPT OF A FEASI-

BILITY STUDY FOR PALAU SUPERPORT; B) USG MUST RESERVE TO ITSELF AS ADMINISTERING AUTHORITY OF THE TTPI FINAL APPROVAL OR DISAPPROVAL OF THE PROJECT; C) THERE HAS BEEN NO FORMAL PROPOSAL TO DATE TO UNDERTAKE A FEASIBILITY STUDY; D) SHOULD DEVELOPERS WISH TO UNDERTAKE A FEASIBILITY STUDY, THEY SHOULD FIRST APPLY TO LOCAL PALAUAN FOREIGN INVESTMENT BOARD. IF THERE IS NO LOCAL OPPOSITION, THE PROPOSAL WILL BE FORWARDED TO TTPI ADMINISTRATION FOR ITS REVIEW IN ACCORDANCE WITH EXISTING TTPI LAW; E) USG AS ADMINISTERING AUTHORITY WILL ACT ON FINAL RECOMMENDATION OF TTPI RE FEASIBILITY STUDY; F) DEVELOPERS SHOULD BE AWARE THAT THERE MAY BE MAJOR PROBLEMS WITH ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION LAWS, SAFETY FACTORS, SOCIO-CULTURAL IMPLICATIONS AND LOCAL DEVELOPMENT GOALS WHICH PROMOTERS SHOULD TAKE INTO ACCOUNT. THE USG COULD NOT ACT POSITIVELY IN A REVIEW OF A PALAU SUPERPORT PROJECT PROPOSAL UNTIL THESE ISSUES WERE ADDRESSED. USG THEREFORE ADVISES THAT THE PROMOTERS SHOULD CONSULT IN ADVANCE, BEFORE CONDUCTING FEASIBILITY STUDY. KISSINGER

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